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Make the river healthy

To HarborComments; Zhen, Davis

Dear EPA,

Here are my comments in regard to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site cleanup plan.

- Please do not rely on "monitored natural recovery." I am puzzled that this is part of the strategy, given that neither the EPA nor anyone else has been monitoring "natural recovery" during the 16 years it took to produce this plan. How can you possibly know how long this will take and whether it will work at all?
- The Cleanup Plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River System and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame.
- Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable—toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.
- Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

We need our river back, free of contaminants, and those who profited from its damage must pay for the clean up.

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Birds: If you don't build it, they will come.